GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Appraisal of MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for employment generation effectively across the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether minimum number of guaranteed work days is being met and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of funds released and utilized during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure full utilization of funds under the said scheme; and

(e) whether the Government has fixed the rate of minimum wages under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005 provide for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The demand for work itself is influenced by various factors such as rain-fall pattern, availability of alternative and remunerative employment opportunities outside MGNREGA and prevailing unskilled wage rates. State/UT-wise details of persondays generated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the financial years 2015-16 and 2016-17 (as on 22.03.2017) is indicated at Annexure-I.

(c): Details of Central fund released and expenditure under the MGNREGS during the last three years and the current year (as on 22.03.2017) is at Annexure-II.

(d): The Government is actively engaged with State Governments/UTs in establishing systems that ensure provision of work as per demand, transparency and accountability. To ensure transparency, the Ministry has introduced Electronic Fund Management System (e-FMS). Under this system, the expenditure is done by making e-Payments towards wage, material and administrative expenses. The Government has started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 21 States and 1 UT for direct payment of wages into workers account. This system is likely to reduce unnecessary parking of funds in the States and promote greater transparency in fund management.

(e): Wage Rates for workers under the MGNREGA are notified and revised annually by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of Section 6(1) of the Act. The wage rate for 2017-18 has already been notified on 28-02-2017. State/UT-wise details of the notified wage rate w.e.f. 1st April, 2017 is given at Annexure-III.

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